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From:

Director, FBI

AMELIA BOYNTON

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A check of Bufiles indicates subject is apparently identical with individual who is well known to your office as complainant and/or victim in several racial and civil rights matters.

Promptly effect a positive identification of subject. In view of immediately furnish all pertinent information from your files, including that material set forth in reairtel, in a form sutiable for dissemination. In the cover communication, furnish your comments as to additional action which may be necessary.

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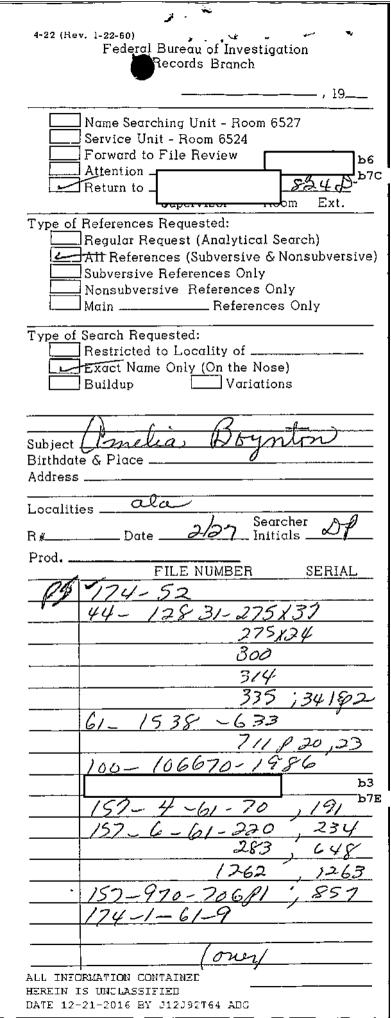
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Mobile, Alabama
March 3, 1967

AMELIA PLATTS BOYNTON, Selma, Alabama

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This source advised ______ AMELIA BOYNTON at a convention of the Women's International League For Peace And Freedom (WILPF).

The 1965-66 Handbook of the WILPF sets forth the national officers, board members, and other information, and includes AMELIA BOYNTON, of Alabama, as Civil Rights Co-Chairman For The South of a standing committee on Human Rights. It also reflects that Mrs. BOYNTON, of 1315 Lapsley Street, Selma, Alabama, is on the Wational Board of WILPF.

A second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 22, 1966 that among the persons registering for the tenth annual Legislative Seminar of WILPF from January 30 - February 2, 1966, Washington, D. C., was Mrs. AMELIA P. BOYNTON, 1315 Lapsley Street, Selma, Alabama.

It is noted that a brochure issued by WILPF has described the organization as follows:

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"The WILPF had its national headquarters at Jame Addams House, 2006 Walnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa., where its monthly paper, 'Four Lights', is published. Its legislative office is at 120 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. International headquarters are in Geneva. The International meets every three years. It conducts summer schools, peace congresses and publishes its magazine, PAX.

"It is an international, interracial organization striving for peace and freedom by non-violent democratic methods. It was founded in 1915, during the first World War, and its first president was JANE ADDAMS, the first American woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize.

"It keeps its membership informed on current problems through its legislative office in Washington. It issues its own pamphlets, study kits, fact sheets, and cooperates with like-minded organizations. WILPF has consultative status at the United Nations on a national and international level.

"WILPF, through its local branches, sponsors public discussion on such topics as disarmament and world law, nuclear testing, civil defense, Berlin, civil rights, etc. Through its Peace Action Committee, WILPF initiates peace walks, vigils, and meetings, as an organization and with other peace groups. Peace education for children is a special concern of WILPF."

A third source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that WILPF leans very much towards Socialism, as demonstrated by promoting Socialist and, sometimes,



AMELIA PLATTS BOYNTON, Selma, Alabama

Pro-Communist Speakers at WILPF-Sponsored Affairs and using Socialist or Pro-Communist Writers in its literature.

Mrs. AMELIA BOYNTON, Residence Address 1315 Lapslev Street, Selma, Alabama,
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She is a widow of S. W. b70
BOYNTON and operates the BOYNTON Insurance Agency located at b7
21 Franklin Street, Selma, Alabama, Telephone Number 872-3759.
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AMELIA PLATTS BOYNTON, and that
she was born on August 18, 1911 at Savannah, Georgia. She
is a Negro, 5'9" tall, weighing 180 pounds, and advised that she
received a Bachelor Of Science Degree from Tuskegee Institute.
Tuskegee, Alabama.

Mrs. BOYNTON was one of the organizers of the Dallas County Voters League, a Negro organization at Selma, Alabama, and one of the leading members of the group. She has been active for some years in civil rights and voter registration activity in Dallas County, Alabama, including the widely publicized march from Selma, Alabama to Montgomery, Alabama in March, 1965.

The May 18, 1964 issued of The Mobile Press, a daily newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, reported that Mrs. BOYNTON had been an unsuccessful candidate for the Fourth Alabama Congressional District Nomination in the May 5, 1964 Democratic Primary Election.

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March 23, 1967

AMELIA PLATTS BOYNTON INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Ars Samuel William X Boy nton In February 28, 1967, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned that one Amelia Boynton from Selma, Alabama arrived in Washington, D. C. to obtain her passport at the United States Department of State (USDS). According to the same source Boynton would also obtain a visa at the Soviet Embassy prior to departing for Montreal en route to Moscow on March 1, 1967, to attend International Women's Day.

Records of the Passport Office, USDS reviewed March 21, 1967, by a representative of the FBI contained the following information concerning Amelia Platts Boynton:

She was born August 18, 1905, at Savannah, Georgia.

Boynton was issued passport H 192091 on February 28, 1967, at Washington, D. C. This passport restricted travel in Albania, Cuba and those portions of China, Korea and . Vietnam under communist control.

She was to depart Washington, D. C., March 1, 1967, via Eastern Airlines for a two-week period to visit Moscow to attend International Womens Week.

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Boynton's parents were listed as George Platts, born 1867, in Brunson, South Carolina and Anna Explicks, born September 11, 1872 in Beauford, South Carolina. Her permanent address is 1315 Lapsley Street, Selma, Alabama.

Boynton was last married June 17, 1936, to Samuel William Boynton born December 4, 1901, at Griffin, Georgia. The marriage was terminated by her spouse's death May 14, 1963.

This passport record disclosed that Boynton's birth was verified by a Census Report of 1910 showing Boynton as being four years old and born in Georgia.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mobile, Alabama May 26, 1967

AMELIA PLATTS BOYNTON Selma, Alabama

Previous information concerning captioned individual was submitted in a Letterhead Memorandum dated March 3, 1967.

On May 22, 1967,

Amelia Platts Boynton voluntarily
furnished the following information concerning a recent
visit to Russia:

Mrs. Boynton was one of six delegates from the United States selected to go to Russia for International Women's Day. She said that they had spent about two weeks in Russia during March, 1967, and had found the trip very educational. She is of the opinion that the group were shown only the "good things" about Russian life rather than the more unfortunate things. She was impressed with the educational set up in that children are educated "from the cradle." She was given the "red carpet" treatment, but she did not know whether or not because she is a Negro, but she noted that the officials whom she met seemed to know about Selma, Alabama.

Two of the women who went with her were from California, one from Michigan, one from New York and one from Washington, D. C. There were about 105 women represented at the International Women's Day in Russia, and each country had a speaker to speak for her group. Each speaker seemed to talk about the war in Vietnam and criticized the United States and its roll in the war.

While in Russia she was given a personal interpreter

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who traveled with her to Moscow, Leningrad and other cities. She observed a great building program in progress and was impressed with the fact that everyone seemed to live in a cooperative type of arrangement and everyone "appeared equal."

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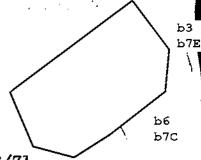
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Re San Francisco airtel to Bureau, 9/8/71.

Re airtel set forth that BOBBY GEORGE SEALE had stated that the BPP currently owned 300 acres of land outside of Selma, Alabama, and 42 acres of land outside of New Orleans, Louisiana, and wanted workers to go to these farms and plant crops.

The following investigation was conducted at Selma, Alabama, by SA

On 10/20/71, Sheriff J. WILSON BAKER, Dallas County SO, advised that PERRY ROY ROBINSON, JR. continues to live on a ten acre tract located near Selma in the Bogue Chitto community on what has been called "The People's Farm." He said that ROBINSON has no crops under cultivation and the only farming in that area is by several small Negro farmers who cultivate cotton and corn crops. BAKER pointed out that the ten acres on which ROBINSON lives was deeded to him on 12/10/69 by a local Negro woman, AMELIA BOYNTON. He said that AMELIA BOYNTON owns approximately 350 acres adjoining and leases portions of this acreage to individual negroes, but by far the greatest majority of her land is not under cultivation and is not good farm land. Sheriff BAKER advised that a check of the transfer books of Dallas County reflect no sales of land in the recent past in this area and nothing to indicate any land in Dallas County is owned by the BPP.

were both contacted /b7D and on 9/30 and 10/7/71, and advised there was no information to indicate BPP activity in and around Selma. Alabama. acquainted with ROBINSON's residence on a ten acre tract near

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Mobile, Alabama July 2, 1963

> RACIAL SITUATION STATE OF ALABAMA SELMA, ALABAMA

On July 1, 1963, Chief Deputy Sheriff Selma, Alabama, advised that this date is a regular registration day for voter registration at Selma, Alabama. He stated that during the day no Negroes have appeared at the Board to apply for voting. He pointed out that no action has been taken by the Sheriff's Office to exclude any Negro from the court house or any Negro from appearing to register. He stated that he cannot understand why no Negroes were present except they have apparently lost interest in registering. He pointed out that all of the deputies have been assigned to their regular work during the day, and neither he nor the Sheriff have been present in the court house during the day. Therefore, he knows that there was no attempt on the part of the Sheriff's Office to intimidate anyone from registering. He stated that he has a notice on his desk which reads that a mass meeting for voter registration will be held for the Negroes at the First Baptist Church, corner of Jeff Davis Avenue and Sylvan Street. Selma, Alabama, on instant date, at 7:00 p.m. The principal speaker will be Mrs. LOIS L. REEVES, who is identified as Director of YMCA and YWCA at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama. He pointed out that coverage of this meeting. would be afforded by the Sheriff's Department, but there definitely would be no Sheriff's Posse members on the scene.

On July 1, 1963,

advised that the mass meeting was scheduled for 8:00 p.m. Mrs. REEVES from Tuskegee, Alabama would be the principal speaker. They expected from 500 to 600 Negroes to appear at the meeting.

planned no demonstrations in Selma other than to discuss going to the court house to register to vote on regular registration days.

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On July 2, 1963, Selma Times Journal, advised that it was claimed by Negro leaders in Selma that 900 Negroes appeared at the mass meeting on the night of July 1, 1963, however, this was a gross exaggeration. He stated that he had counted the Negroes present, and there were only 525 to 550 Negroes present. The meeting started at 8:00 p.m., and lasted until 11:00 p.m., with no incidents occurring; and it was very quiet. Mrs. LOIS REEVES was the principal speaker, and she called upon all Negroes to have prayer in their homes at 6:00 a.m. in the morning, every morning, to overcome their fear of making applications to vote. She expressed the idea that they lived in a wonderful age and ten years from the present, the meetings that were being held in the Selma area would be a legend. She pointed out that freedom was not cheap, and they had to fight for it, stating that social change was sweeping the country with hurricane force. She also pointed out that the President of the United States had made a strong statement for freedom. She further advised that the Negro people were not allowing themselves to be bought in the 'new world', and they were taking steps to obtain their freedom.

She pointed out that anything that was worth living for was worth dying for, and some of them would be called upon to pay the supreme penalty. She also stated that Negroes should stop thinking about themselves in comparison to the white race, and they should think of themselves as the same and the equal to the white race.

A young Negro named , made the statement at the meeting "I have not registered to vote because of my age. What's your excuse?"

Reverend L. L. ANDERSON of the Baptist Tabernacle Church, Broad Street, Selma, made a financial appeal and stated that the Negro should no longer be a beggar or a coward, and he had to fight and pay his own way.

AMELIA BOYNTON spoke at the meeting and said that anybody who is intelligent enough to be a reporter for a newspaper should be intelligent enough to respect the Negroes and call them by their title of Mr. or Mrs. No mention was

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made at the meeting of the absence of Negro registrants not appearing at the Registration Board on July 1, 1963. The whole theme of the meeting was concerning voter registration and no other type demonstrations were called for.

Coverage was afforded the meeting by the Sheriff and his Chief Deputy, who occupied one car outside of the church, and three Deputies were stationed on the inside of the church.

One police car was utilized in patrolling the area to avoid any type of incidents in the area of the church.

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County Sheriff's Office, Selma, Alabama, on August 20, 1963.
It reflects the written report of Beputy Sheriff b6 who was stationed inside Brown's Chapel on the b7c
evening of August 19, 1963, where a Negro Voter Registration Rally was held. Deputy stated that his report is not a verbatim account of what was said at the meeting, but is an
accurate reflection of statements made which Deputy could record to the best of his capabilities.
The meeting commenced at approximately 7:30 PM, Central Standard Time, Brown's Chapel, #10 Sylvan Street, Selma,
Alabama. Approximately 300 Negroes were in attendance, com-
posed of nearly eighty percent teen-agers and sub-teen-agers. The Dallas County Sheriff's Office placed two deputy sheriffs
inside the church, Deputies and Five b6 other deputy sheriffs, including Chief Deputy Sheriff b7c
were stationed near the church. Three to four Selma Police Department patrol cars, containing two officers each,
were near the scene of the meeting, although none of these cars remained stationary. Dallas County Sheriff's Posse
made no appearance at the church according to the Sheriff's

The first speaker was Mrs. AMELIA BOYNTON, owner and manager, Boynton Insurance Agency, and Jet Employment Agency, Selma, Alabama. She stated "your attendance here reminds me of what you want. The occasion speaks for itself. There are thousands who are speaking for itself. The Justice Department and the Federal Government knows and

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speaks of freedom. Until we have freedom through the world the world will stop. There have been white people who have been slaves.

"The people to be free are what we are fighting for. There has not a person gone to the top unless a Negro is responsible for it. So that is why we will not stop fighting for freedom. If it takes fighting that's what we will have to do."

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The next speaker was identified as MARIEXFOSTER. Tuskegee, Alabama. She stated in part. "How many people went to the courthouse today to register? (report re-questionnaires for the ones who will go next time. It tells the rights of people. It tells how they are elected to office. Answers 13, 14 and 15 will tell you a few things. The man on the street should live morally high. A voteless person is a hopeless person. You should want to help make the laws you have to live by. We appeal to you for registration to vote. I'll help and act as your servant. Generations of Negroes have fought for their freedom, but so far that has not been done. In Negro history a Negro was pastor of an all white church. A proper learning to achieve what we want is what we are working for. What stone has been left unturned to degrade us. The country was theirs and they were willing to fight for us and die for us.

The next speaker was the Reverend C. C. BROWN, pastor, Reform Presbyterian Church, Selma, who was a substitute principal speaker for the Reverend CALVIN WOODS, Birmingham, Alabama, who was the scheduled principal speaker and who unexplainably did not appear. Reverend BROWN stated in part, "We are gathered here to face a problem. It has not just started. It has been going on for some time. Color has started when cotton gins came. I can't say I can get up and speak for the Negro people because I can't.

"None will survive but full fledged citizens. All we want is our rights and our freedom and I believe we can get it. We want to be part of American society." Not to hurt anyone. But to be part of this community. We don't ask any special

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privileges but just to be able to vote. We don't want to fight. We don't want any chips on our shoulders. We want to have the right to help elect our officers. We want to be able to walk in the city building without being called a damn Negro. I don't believe in cussing. I want to be respected as a man not as a Negro. We want full citizenship in the community. But when we can't have that then we have nothing. Violence, that is not the way. Fighting and everything like that is out. We want to take on our own obligation".

The next speaker was Mrs. AMELIA BOYNTON; who has been previously identified. She stated again in part "they are putting on church programs in all churches on Sunday about next meetings. We want to patronize our own store so we won't have to go downtown. I understand several of you have been stopped at intersections, and told to turn around the church was full. If you have not broken the law then you come on. We want 100,000 people in Washington on march in D.C. but instead there will be 250,000 of all colors, white, red and black. We will have some there. The march will start Washington Monument and go to the Lincoln Memorial. The march will last three hours. Give to help us go to Washington. The price of tickets is \$15.50. Contact me at my insurance office".

The next speaker was the Reverend L. L. ANDERSON, pastor, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Selma He stated in part, "I always have the right to speak. They said we couldn't have a mass meeting but we been having them ever since. Go down to register. If you just clap your hands you're not doing anything. I was stopped by the police and given a ticket for lights not being adjusted. He called me LEWIS. I didn't like that. I'm Reverend ANDERSON to him just as I am to you. I want to enjoy everything in Selma. Not just part of it. I want all of it now. If you got what it takes you can have it. If they can't hear they can see. I want freedom for everyone. If you go out tonight check your lights. If they are looking at each other leave it here, and all of you get in my car. As long as I m in town we are going to fight for what is ours. Slavery is wrong: I II die in my tracks if I have the preference of being a slave or free. Stop going downtown to spend

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your money with them. Spend it with your people. To be free we have to control our own economy. Don't let me see you downtown spending money."

The meeting concluded at 10:10 PM Central Standard Time and the participants of the meeting left for their homes promptly and quietly. No incidents were reported.

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Mobile, Alabama February 18, 1966

POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE MAJOR URBAN AREAS MOBILE DIVISION

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There has been no change in any of the categories in Mobile memorandum dated April 1, 1965, except as noted herein.

GENERAL RACIAL CONDITIONS

Montgomery, Alabama.

The February 3, 1966, issue of the Mobile Press, a daily newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, reported that United States District Judge Frank M. Johnson had ruled that although a Montgomery city ordinance requiring permits for public assemblies is valid on its face, it was unconstitutionally applied in the cases of seventeen Negroes arrested in

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Montgomery last year. The persons had been arrested while picketing a grocery store, protesting an alleged assault on a Negro woman customer by the owner of the store. Judge Johnson said that in this case, a simple notice to officials of the picketing would have been sufficient rather than a formal request for a permit.

The February 5 - 6, 1966, issue of the Southern Courier, a weekly newspaper published at Montgomery, Alabama, reported that Mrs. Hazel Gregory had resigned as office secretary of the Montgomery-Improvement-Association, a Negro organization at Montgomery, with which organization she had worked since March, 1956.

Selma, Alabama.

The February 5 - 6, 1966 issue of the Southern Courier reported that Dallas County's Negro Anti-Poverty Committee had abandoned plans to set up its own anti-poverty program and apply for Federal funds. Instead, the group now plans to send sixty people to meet with an equal number of whites and plan an anti-poverty program under the direction of Selma Mayor Joe T. Smitherman. This is what Smitherman has been asking for since November, 1965, but represents a policy change for the Negro group.

The February 17, 1965, issue of the Mobile Register, a daily newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, reported that Sheriff Jim Clark had said that a Negro civil rights worker, Mrs. Amelia Boynton, had been arrested on a warrant sworn out by a local business, charging her with passing a \$70.00 worthless check. He said she was being held at the Dallas County Jail in lieu of \$300.00 bond. Mrs. Boynton has been active in Selma voter registration campaign and was a candidate for Congress in 1964. The article reported that this charge under Alabama law is a felony and conviction could bring a sentence of from one to ten years in prison.

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